

## LOCAL ITEMS

## About Our Town and Its People

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Caldwell, son Harold and Miss Agnes Hall, motored to Crystal Lake Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Ireland left this week for Yonkers and New York to visit her daughter, Imogene.

Peter Wack, who has been spending some time at Peoria, Ill., returned to his home here Monday morning feeling much better than when he left here.

Rev. Fr. John A. Koelzer of Portland was the Sunday evening and Monday guest of Rev. Fr. John A. Klich.

Miss Mary Choate returned Monday morning from a visit with friends at Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Parker and baby returned Sunday evening from a two weeks' vacation trip spent with relatives and friends and which also included an enjoyable auto trip down into Ohio.

Miss Edith Williams, who has been sojourning in the west for some time back, returned home Monday morning.

Al. Webber was part of the load that the Saturday noon train carried out of this city. Al. was bound for Lansing and said he had a brother-in-law down there who wanted him to come down and visit him. Mrs. Webber has been there for the past two weeks. The brother-in-law brought them back to this city Sunday by automobile route.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Powell returned from their vacation trip last Friday. They have been visiting Mr. Powell's relatives at Grand Rapids, Cadillac and Lake City.

Mrs. Kate Shannon received word that her son, Howard H. Shannon had left Denver, Colo., for Camp Logan, Colo., entering the service of Uncle Sam.

Wm. Dietz of Fenwick was a guest at the Floyd Bush home Sunday.

Mrs. Jake Kellar of Harvard called on Mrs. Ansel Johnston Friday.

Al. Webber visited his wife at Lansing Saturday returning home Sunday night.

Miss Emma Lesky of Stanton is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hall.

Mrs. Maggie Welch was a guest at the Urch home Sunday.

Miss Alice Walker returned to her home at Hesperia Saturday morning after having visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hudson for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Kidd were Saturday morning passengers on the Grand Rapids train.

Mrs. Eva E. Bignell spent Saturday with the dear old friends in Smyrna.

Miss Rosina Bignell and Mrs. Eva Bignell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Skellenger at McBride on Thursday and Friday of last week.

James Johnson of Glen Burnie, Md., a rifle range man in the service of Uncle Sam, returned on Saturday noon to duty after a short furlough home, visiting with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson and baby of Detroit, returned home Saturday noon after having visited their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lypps for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith and children went to Ionia Saturday to visit

over Sunday with relatives in the county seat town. Frank says this is the first trip he has made out of town since the snow went off and he hopes that no blizzard will hit the town while he is gone away.

Mrs. Andrew Paulsen, who was called to Lakeview several weeks ago to attend a sick niece, returned home on the Saturday noon train.

Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Reed and baby of Detroit are visiting at the home of W. B. Reed and J. B. Arnwine parents.

Ed. Covert who is working in Alma was at home over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Petersen of Ionia, stopped off between trains Monday afternoon for a visit with friends here.

Mrs. Chas. White and two children went to Amble Monday morning to visit relatives for a few days.

Miss Bettie Beemer returned Monday afternoon from a visit with relatives and friends at Detroit.

Miss Hazel Wright left for Greenville Monday evening and from there she went to Butternut Tuesday.

W. B. Reed and son, George, went to Chicago Tuesday morning on a short business and vacation trip.

The next meeting of the L. O. T. M. will be held at the home of Mrs. H. J. Spencer, 703 West Ellis street, Wednesday afternoon, July 24.

Floyd Luther, a barber of Six Lakes formerly proprietor of the barber shop now owned by W. E. Dubert, was in the city between trains Monday morning on his way to Lansing, M. A. C., where he has entered the service of Uncle Sam.

Ray Kidd of Ann Arbor's national training detachment, came home Saturday night to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kidd over Sunday.

Tom Bracken, Jr., of Ann Arbor, was an over Sunday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bracken, Sr. Tom looks good in uniform.

Mrs. E. C. Lloyd and son, Elvyn, Jr., were Ionia visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Palmer went to Ionia Monday noon for a short visit. Merle soon returns to the Great Lakes naval training station, where he is in training.

Mrs. George Shoemaker of Flint, arrived in the city Monday morning to visit her mother, Mrs. Jane Lewis, for a short time.

Miss Clara Moulton and her sister, Mrs. Emma Lamb, went to Ionia on Monday at noon for the day.

Mrs. Mary Cannon of Grand Rapids returned home Monday morning after having spent a few days as the guest of former neighbors and friends here.

Miss Lena Russell of the Belding Savings bank force, left Tuesday morning for Grand Rapids and from there she will go to Covington, Kentucky. She will be gone about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wells and Mrs. Hattie Wakeman were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Emma Watkins, going up there for the day in the Wells' car.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eckert, of Seattle, Wash., were also there. Mrs. Eckert is a sister of Mrs. Watkins and they were residents of Grattan, formerly, leaving there about 15 years ago for the great west.

Mrs. Roy Lucé and children went to Lansing Tuesday at noon to visit for a short time with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Henry Darling returned Monday evening from a six weeks' visit with her son, Philo, near Palo, and also with her sisters, others relatives and friends. Mrs. Darling had a very enjoyable visit.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Fritch Saturday, July 13, a son and daughter. The new arrival that he has named the young fellow after himself, Wallace, Jr.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Nash on Saturday, July 13, a fine 9 pound daughter.

Bruce Fales of the Miller & Harris Furniture Co. at Lowell, was a between train business visitor Tuesday.

Arthur Fitzjohn made a business trip to Grand Rapids Saturday.

Joseph Isabelle went to Muskegon Saturday morning on a few days' business trip.

Mrs. Anna Koch went to Grand Rapids Saturday morning for an over Sunday visit with relatives and friends.

Adding as a postscript "Burn this letter" as your cue to start the conflagration yourself.

E. E. SLYE, CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF.

I am a candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket at the primary election, to be held August 27, 1918. If nominated and elected, I will give to the people of Ionia county a good, clean and business-like administration, and I solicit the support of the voters upon this kind of a platform.

Yours truly, E. E. SLYE.

Ionia, Mich., May 27, 1918.—Adv.

Mrs. Iva Hull will entertain St. Mary's guild of the Episcopal church with a social afternoon on Wednesday, July 24.

Roy Haynes of the U. S. navy returned to Virginia, after spending a 15-day furlough with his wife, Mrs. Roy Haynes of this city and his sister, Mrs. W. E. Reeves of Pontiac.

Mary Garden in "The Splendid Sinners," an extra good Goldwyn play at Empress theater Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bolenbaugh returned, Saturday from a trip to Ohio, where he had been spending his vacation with his son, Guy, and incidentally making the acquaintance of his new grandson.

Miss Christina Boyson returned on Saturday from Ohio, where she had been spending her vacation with relatives and friends.

"PERSHING'S CRUSADERS" GOVERNMENT'S OWN FILM COMING TO THE EMPRESS

Those who are anxious to get an idea how Uncle Sam is expending the money they have turned over to him for Liberty bonds can satisfy their curiosity and equip themselves with plenty of information to answer the pro-German statements that the country is getting a slow start in the war by seeing "Pershing's Crusaders," the new government war film, which will be shown at the Empress theater on Wednesday, July 31.

Through the medium of the moving picture camera the United States government brings home to the people a view of the great cantonments where the boys of the National army are being trained for the battle plains of France. The pro-German charge that inferior food is being fed to the boys in training camps is answered by pictures showing the government inspectors looking over thousands of pounds of fresh meat. A view of the gigantic bakeries where millions of loaves of wholesome bread are turned out daily is given.

The spectator is taken through the

great manufacturing plants where millions of uniforms are turned out, and the enormous shoe factories where the army shoes are made. In every department one sees evidence of speed and still more speed. One sees the electric knife which cuts out 60 uniforms at a single stroke. The ordinance plants are shown where big guns are turned out and the great shells are manufactured. Later the scene shifts to the government ship yards where the launching of some of the big steel boats is shown.

One is impressed with the fact that Uncle Sam has taken seriously the business of making war and that every possible resource will be utilized to bring the conflict to a speedy and successful conclusion.

Remember the date and don't fail to see this, the United States government's own film.

## BELDING BOYS ARE THERE AND READY TO GO OVER THE TOP

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caves and our captain and lieutenant Berg and a bugler and myself went out last Sunday to one of the largest and went down into it as far as we could go; we were about 2,000 feet below the surface and there is a river flowing under ground at the bottom.

Some place. About one-half mile from camp is the historic battlefield where the Mexicans made their last stand in 1846. Berg is going away to school tomorrow, the school lasting a month and I have got nothing to do but take care of his two horses and ride them every day. Some soft, eh?

Got a card from George just after he landed in France. Will close with love as ever; write soon.

Kenneth.

Over Here in France.

June 18, 1918.

My Dearest Mother and Sister:

I am going to try and write a few lines to you this morning. We have

Over Here.

June 24, 1918.

My Dearest Mother and Sister: I am going to try and write a few lines to you this morning. It is raining again today the same as usual. Just came back from getting grub. We had French friends for dinner today.

I have learned to eat most everything since I left home except cabbage and tomatoes and never will like those. We are working every day and part of the night. I wish you could see our home. We have a durt-out; it's not bad at all. Say I have a fellow that I'm with all the while Tina Benton's address. I hope she writes h. m. Well, Ma, we got paid today and I have 58 francs, some check. I suppose you will have a vacation soon. Whatever you do, rest. Well it has been just a year to date I enlisted and it seems like five years. I suppose everybody will celebrate around Belding the 4th. I think we will likely have fireworks as well. Gee, it has been two weeks since I heard from anyone in the States. Close to where we are there are four or five cherry trees and lots of cherries on them; don't think we go hungry for them. I am sending you a poem one of the boys wrote. He is working with me. His name is Paul Rubrecht. I will write it for you. How is Don? Suppose he is down every week the same as usual. This is the poem:

Folks at home are doing wonders, To hasten on the victory day, Saving fuel, saving food stuffs, Saving in most every way.

Certain days no bread is eaten, Other days no meat at all; Still another day is heartless, Least it was that way last fall.

Some have made a day that's smokeless, Girls refrain from powdered face, Druggists lock the perfume counter, Cupid guards the candy case.

We appreciate your efforts, I speak for soldiers, one and all; Keep it up and we'll get them, Maybe end the war by fall.

Put one thing I wish to mention, Soldiers' duty don't you know. While we appreciate your efforts And the sentiment that you show, Don't go too far with sacrifices, Remember there's a time to quit, There are two sides to every question That's a fact that you'll admit.

Your object is to stop the fighting To do away with bloody war; To get us boys out of the trenches, To bring us all back home once more.

You can have your meatless Sundays, Wheatless Mondays if going still, Continue with your heatless Tuesdays, Sweatless Wednesdays if you will. You can have all these you want, Go ahead, you're on the track.

But if you start a kissless Sunday, I'll be — if I'll come back. I will close with lots of love from your loving son and brother. Write often.

Floyd Pierson, Hq. Co. 126th Inf., A. P. O. No. 734 A. E. F., via N. Y.

## BELDING BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

### 29th ANNUAL REPORT

June 30, 1918

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
For year ending June 30, 1918:		For year ending June 30, 1918:	
Cash on hand June 30/1917	4,583.02	Loans on mortgage security	\$ 23,290.00
Installments	22,727.66	Loans on stock security	5,575.00
Advance payment stock	960.00	Withdrawals of installment	4,824.50
Loans on mortgage security repaid	15,625.00	Withdrawals of advance	60.00
Loans on stock security repaid	5,598.81	Interest on withdrawals	459.74
Real estate	40.00	Premium repaid	10.88
Land contracts	1,006.50	Matured shares	17,622.50
Bills payable	19,300.00	Matured profits	8,077.50
Interest	7,817.75	Insurance and taxes for	103.66
Premium	360.71	borrowers	15,000.00
Fines	64.98	Interest on bills payable	243.35
Transfers	1.50	Real estate	15.00
Pass books and membership fees	146.50	Land contracts	40.00
Rents	56.00	General expense	2,007.87
Insurance and taxes repaid	98.05	Cash on hand June 30, 1918	1,068.80
Profits on real estate sold	12.32	Total	\$ 78,398.80
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ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash on hand	\$ 1,068.80	Dues on installment stock	\$101,342.80
Loans on mortgage security	127,422.88	Advance payment stock	4,440.00
Loans on stock security	6,500.00	Due borrowers (incomplete loans)	125.00
Furniture and safe	87.00	Undivided profits	26,203.06
Real estate	800.00	Matured stock unpaid	500.00
Land contracts	4,592.51	Reserve fund	3,565.94
Delinquent interest and premium	896.55	Contingent undivided profits	896.55
Insurance and taxes due from borrowers	5.61	Bills payable	4,300.00
	\$141,373.35		\$141,373.35

We, the auditors appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Belding Building and Loan Association of Belding, Michigan, hereby certify that we have compared the foregoing statement with the books and accounts of said association, in the hands of the secretary and treasurer and find the same to be a true and correct statement of the condition of the association at the close of business, June 30, 1918.

G. P. KIMBERLY.  
G. F. BROWN.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Ionia.—ss.  
We solemnly swear that the above is a true statement to the best of our knowledge and belief of the condition of the Belding Building and Loan Association on the day ending June 30, 1918.

F. A. WASHBURN, President.  
GEORGE E. WAGNER, Secretary.  
GEORGE H. ENGEMANN,  
Notary Public, Ionia County, Michigan.

My commission expires February 3, 1919.

Series No. 51 matures Sept. 1, 1918  
Series No. 97 now open to subscribers

Present rate of profits

7<sup>74</sup>/<sub>100</sub>%  
per annum

## SATURDAY SPECIAL

At The Rexall Drug Store  
For Girls and Boys

Saturday, July 20th From 2 p. m. to 3 p. m.

We will give every girl or boy who calls at our store during the above hours one INDIAN HEAD-GEER absolutely free.

H. J. CONNELL

The Rexall Druggist



## Your Hosiery Shows

When you are comfortably settled in an easy chair with your feet shoved out or your knees crossed your hose are very noticeable.

Then is the time you'll be glad to have hose that look right and that give you that easy going, well dressed feeling.

The Pure Silk or Silk Fibre hose we're showing are the kind that will please you.

35c 50c 75c

FRISTOE & DIVINE  
The New Way Store

## CELRITE GROCERY

10 Bars Export Borax Soap	57c
10 Bars Classic White Laundry Soap	57c
3 lbs. R. M. C. 35c Coffee	75c
2 lbs. Farm House 30c Coffee	49c
Large Cans Milk, any kind	12c
6 Small Cans Milk	35c
3 Pkgs. Mince Meat	25c
1 lb. Can Celrite Baking Powder	19c
Lard Compound or Cotocuet, lb.	19c
3 pkgs. Monarch Corn Flakes	27c
35c Red Alaska Salmon, can	28c
Classy Brand Peas or Succotash, can	10c
National Biscuit Co.'s Corn Crackers, lb.	17c
Lemons, California Sunkist, 3 for	10c

SPECIAL—Ohio Noiseless Tip Matches, 5c a Box; 6 boxes 19c

Raisins, per pkg.	10c
7 Rolls Toilet Paper	25c
30c lb. Can Celrite Baking Powder	19c
Quart Jar Cocoa	27c
FLOUR SUBSTITUTES	
5 lbs. Corn Flour	35c
5 lbs. Corn Meal, yellow	30c
5 lbs. Rolled Oats	39c
2 lbs. Bean Flour	28c
2 lbs. Rice Flour	23c
2 lbs. Hominy	19c
2 lbs. Potato Flour	23c
2 lbs. Corn Starch	19c
Dromedary Golden Dates, pkg.	20c
Large Bottle Ketchup	20c
Pure Codfish, lb. box	30c
Kellogg's Corn Flakes	12c
Bulk Macaroni, lb.	15c
Good Cream Cheese, lb.	32c
15c Palm Olive Soap, per bar	10c
10c Palm Olive Rose Bath Soap	6c
Rump Corn Beef, Sliced Meat, lb.	26c

## J. De Vlieger & Son

### LEON B. McVEIGH

CANDIDATE AT THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES IN AUGUST FOR THE NOMINATION FOR

County Clerk

YOUR SUPPORT WILL BE APPRECIATED.  
(Political Advertisement.)

## Washing Machines & Clothes Wringers

Warm summer weather mingled with the summer dust makes large and hard washing. We have the remedy in the following machines:

The Fulton Machine for	\$ 7.50
The White Lily Machine for	12.00
The Richmond High Speed for	14.00
Bench Wringer for	5.50

Every Machine is guaranteed and your money refunded if not entirely satisfactory.

## Miller & Harris Furniture Company

The Largest Furniture Store in Ionia County.

If You Buy It Of Willoughby You Know It Is Good.

## Vacation Merchandise

We have a nice line for you to select from

Icy Hot Bottles keeps liquid cold for 72 hours; hot for 24 hours; and we are showing a very nice line of them.

An Alarm Clock to help you wake up at 3 or 4 in the morning when you wish to get an early start, when going fishing.

Camp Knife and Fork and a great many other things. We are only too glad to show these things.

Let us do your repairing.

YOURS FOR QUALITY, PRICES AND SERVICE

OUR AIM IS M. L. Willoughby SATISFACTION TO PLEASE. GUARANTEED.

JEWELRY and PATHEPHONES

Watch Makers and Inspectors for Pere Marquette Railroad. Thirteen Years in the Jewelry Business.